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PRESTON LEAVES IT LATE

THE four Melbourne clubs met with mixed success in Round 16 of the Quit National League which, for the second week in succession, was marred by Sydney's heavy rain.

Melbourne Croatia, fortunate enough to play on Friday night, blitzed Blacktown to the tune of five goals to one, a result that leaves hapless Blacktown deep in relegation trouble.

Preston made heavy weather of its encounter with Wollongong at Connor Reserve, but grabbed two very welcome points in the last three minutes of the game as a limping Steve Smith struck twice.

But South Melbourne's sorry away form continued as it went down 3-0 to Adelaide City after having more than its share of the game.

Steve Maxwell's purple patch extended as he scored twice in the second half and, to rub

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● Preston's Robert Runje and Zoran Tasevski combine to head clear of Wollongong's Randell Easthorpe.

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STOP PRESS

As we went to press on Wednesday, the V.S.F was appearing in the SUPREME COURT fighting against a writ issued by five dissenting clubs.

The five, Albion, Box Hill, Fawkner, Moorabbin, and Ringwood are attempting to stop the new State League Super Division from going ahead on Sunday week.

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Another Soccer Column bites the dust.

Our already scanty media coverage suffered another blow this week with the news that the 30-odd staff retrenched at the Truth newspaper included veteran journalist Fred Villiers.

Fred used to have two pages of soccer news at one time, but that gradually got whittled away by management until it was down to a single page, now it seems, Truth is no longer interested in soccer.

I don't suppose the decision came as any surprise to Fred, the last time I talked to him he was telling me of his difficulties with the paper.

Like a lot of us, I sensed that he was becoming disillusioned with the game and who could blame him; as far as the media members are concerned, summer soccer has multiplied our problems and disrupted what domestic bliss we used to enjoy, and for what?

As even the NSL office would have to admit, the expected rush of spectators has not occurred, whilst actual media coverage has also diminished.

As I drove away from the George Cross vSydney Croatia game last Saturday at half-time I left behind me a paltry crowd of 1275.

And, judging by the flags and crowd reaction, I would guess that half the people there were Melbourne Croatia supporters who had come to cheer on their Sydney cousins.

In order to fulfil the fixture, the Croatia party left Sydney in the morning, spent the afternoon lolling about in a motel, and either caught a late flight home, or stayed overnight and left early on Sunday morning.

When you tot up the enormous cost involved, you have to ask yourself, is it worth it just to attract 1275 people to a game?

That small crowd is not exceptional, either.

But it was nearly double the 701 who turned out to watch Georgie play Wollongong on the holiday weekend.

The fact is, in both Victoria and New South Wales, the fans show no interest whatsoever in interstate games, unless the vising team is an especially glamorous one, like Marconi for example.

No team in the League has more charisma or crowd-pulling ability than Melbourne Croatia, yet its game at Blacktown last Friday night pulled in a mere 922, which would hardly meet Blacktown's expenses.

To fulfil that fixture, the players had to miss a day's work on Friday, fly up to Sydney stay the night and get up early the next morning to come home.

At least the players were buoyed up by the win, poor South Melbourne went through the same exercise and came back pointless!

That's the NSL experience through the player's eyes.

Then there is the media experience, which brings me to why I was leaving the ground at half-time.

I always cop some semi-jocular remark from the gate-keeper on the lines of "have you had enough already?"

The fact is, if we photographers don't get back to our papers by 7.30 pm at the latest, we have no chance of getting apicture in the next day's paper.

I haven't seen the second half of any game of the 16 NSL rounds I've attended so far this season.

Then we have to fight for what little space we can get, sometimes in vain.

So much for the increased media coverage that Chairman Sam gave as one of the reasons for switching to summer.

Soccer is getting less coverage in Melbourne now than it was when the Sunday Observer was going strong.

SNIPPETS

by LES SHORROCK

WHAT PUBLICITY MONEY?

One curly question that is going to be brought up at the next Council of Clubs' meeting will be "whatever happened to the $170,000 that was allotted for for the summer on."

I was talking to the chief executive of a Sydney NSL club a couple of days ago who wanted to know if any of the money had spent on advertising in this paper and I was able to tell him we hadn't seen a cent of it.

And to the best of my knowledge, neither has any other Melbourne paper, with the exception of the "Sun".

Stefan Kamasz' publicity firm was allocated the money to sell summer soccer to the public.

What at least two clubs will be wanting to know at the next meeting is whether the money ever reached Kamasz, and if it did, where did he spend it?

It will be very interesting to find out, if we ever do, that is.

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EDDIE WANTS A MOVE

According to the French-language Belgian daily, Le Soir, Eddie Krncevic is getting itchy feet again.

The newspaper says Krncevic is trying to get out of his contract with French club Mulhouse so that he can move to an English club.

"It's a London club in the top five of the First division championship" Eddie is quoted as saying, "but it isn't Arsenal".

Someone should tell hopeful Eddie that Tottenham has a fair sort of striker by the nam eof Gary Lineker who's knocked in the odd goal or two.

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Nelson's Column

ONLY NINE DAYS TO GO

THAT'S right, only nine days to go until both State Leagues kick off and I'm sure all club presidents, treasurers, coaches and players will be glad to set aside the joys of contract negotiations and get down to playing.

I've been privy to some unbelievable stories from both sides, but I don't think this is the place to air them.

They'll make up a couple of chapters in my book maybe.

Personally, I'll be glad to get going as I will no longer have to:

- 1. Organise friendly games and official referees for these fixtures.
- 2. Look at every player who turns up out of the blue with a pair of boots slung over his shoulder (in case he later turns out to be another George Best), and
- 3. Coax/cajole/threaten veteran players to turn up for pre-season training.

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ALBION'S PITCH A TREAT TO PLAY ON

One friendly game I enjoyed immensely was against Ian Wallace's Albion at Selwyn Park last Thursday night.

You'll remember it poured with rain from 4.30 to 5.30 pm and then cleared up, leaving the pitch in perfect condition for everyone except defenders.

Albion won 4-3, but both sets of supporters went home happy after a feast of attcking soccer.

Into the bargain, they saw a world-class goal by Polonia's "Libero" (I always wanted to say that, you know) Bogden Bonk, who bent a 25 metre free kick round the Albion wall, Brazilian style — actually I should say Polish style.

I don't want to labour this point but you should do yourself a favour and go and weatch Bogden play the position, a la Franco Baresi — perhaps tonight (Thursday) at Waverley City.

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ANOTHER McDOWALL SHINES

Now that we've moved on to the internat ional scene, I see that St Mirren's striker Kenny McDowall (brother of Heidelberg's Garry and Paul) has had a headline-stealing couple of weeks in Scotland's Premier League.

He scored the only goal of the game v Aberdeen three weeks ago and then topped that by taking over in goal for 67 minutes against Dunfermline the following week.

He only lost one goal too, but "The Buddies" lost 1-0.

Does this mean that the SFA still don't allow a reserve keeper on the bench?

Come to think of it I don't think the English FA does either.

As the Moody Blues once said, "Isn't Life Strange?"

Here we are in Australia (mate) and we're one step ahead of the countries who gave the world the game.

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AKI NAMES HIS TOP 10

Have you ever wondered what happened to Liverpool's "supersub" David Fairclough?

Well I saw his picture in "Shoot" last week.

He now plays with Tranmere Rovers in the English third division.

Incidentally, another famous "scouser", Billy Brindle, has taken over as coach of Ferntree Gully and rumor has it that big Stevie McCombe is coming out of retirement to play for him.

Also in "Shoot" is a new feature in which famous players pick their musical top 10.

I've been impressed so far, especially by Brian McClair who selected "Badge" by Cream as his number one.

So, inspired by this, I contacted giant central defender Lukas "Aki" Kotzamichalis to get his top 10.

It read much as you would expect.

1. The White Rose of Athens — Nana Mouskouri.
2. My Friend the Wind — Demis Roussos.
3. Come What May — Vicki Leandros.
4. Save Your Love — Rene and Renate.
5. Vaya Con Dios — Jerry Vale.
6. The Greeks Don't Want No Freaks — Eagles.
7. Grease — Frankie Valli.
8. La Bamba — Richie Valens.
9. She — Charles Aznavour.
10. Come On, That's Enough.

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● *Aki Kotzamichalis . . . music lover.*

● *Billy Brindle . . . Ferntree Gully's new coach.*

"DID YOU KNOW" DEPARTMENT

Ray Pocock is the new coach at division one Keilor-Austria and his number one signing target is Bell Park's Tommy "The Mighty Atom" Cumming.

George Campbell has a new nickname, "Dunga", just like the Fiorentina and Brazil midfielder. It's Portugese for Dwarf.

Long time Ringwood City club secretary Hans Lechner, one of the game's gentlemen, has retired.

Croydon's coach Ian Dobson has to overcome the loss of big David McIntosh this season as David has also retired to look after his "Paint City" shop in Springvale Road, Nunawading, next door to the Post Office.

Johnny Gardiner may grace the state league this season as sweeper for Springvale City and, finally this week, Fawkner is rumoured to have been training five nights a week so far this season. Say what?

— RAB.

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● *George Campbell . . . "Dunga" goes to Maribyrnong.*

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Details Round Sixteen

BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Carter 69th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 5 (Awaritefe 30th, 40th, 58th, Adzic 17th, Duzel 82nd)
At Gabbie Stadium, Friday. Referee R. Lorenc.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Mautone (Longo HT, Jee 60th) - Carter, Yankos, Northam, Reynolds - Maier, Gibson, Odzakov, Gurining - Arambasic, Murphy. Coach Walter Tamandl.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller - Davidson, Hannah, Donnelly, Talajic - Milosevic, Duzel, Adzic (Selemides 80th), Biskic (Markovski 75th) - Awaritefe, Kelic. Coach Ivan Reznjevic.

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Maxwell 63rd, 68th, A Vidmar 48th) SOUTH MELBOURNE 0
At Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday. Referee G. Power.
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica - Shillabeer, Tobin, Flounders, T. Vidmar (Villani 77th) - Melta, Santrac, Veart, A. Vidmar - Mullen, Maxwell. Coach Zoran Matic.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren - Healy, Durakovic, Blair, Postecoglou - Wade, Petersen, Wright - Taliadorides, Palatsides, Tsolakis. Coach Ferenc Puskas.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Smith 87th, 90th) WOLLONGONG CITY 0
At Connor Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Fraser.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes - Runje, Jackson, Tasevski, Jolevski - Woodall (Slifkas 65th), Petrov, Temcev (Metaxas 59th), Zinni - Markovac, Smith. Coach Lube Jancev.
WOLLONGONG: Bouhoutsas - Skeen, Ratcliffe, Vlietstra, Brodnik - Lloyd, McFadden, Hristovski, Crainie - Versi (O'Neill 64th), Easthorpe. Coach David Ratcliffe.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Faulkner 14th) SYDNEY CROATIA (Ricoy 34th, Lamond 75th)
At Skinner Reserve, Saturday. Referee J. Santa Isabel.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh - Campelj, Ketsakides, Parton, Roodhouse - Faulkner (Zacharias 80th), Kindnter, P. Foster (Waddell 70th), Carter - Clarkson, Tapai. Coach Ian Greener.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken - Savor, Jones, Hunter, Grbevski - Kupresak, Ricoy, Petcovski (Rumora 81st), Lamond - Seal (Gojevic 85th), Arnold. Coach Tony Vrzina.

APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (o.g 64th, Ellen 85th) MELTA EAGLES 1 (Brown 88th)
At Lambert Park, Sunday. Referee R. Lorenc.
APIA LEICHHARDT: Hughes - Blagojevic, Stewart, Halliday, Okon - Clinch, Ellem, Bundalo, van Blerk - Murray, Manley. Coach Manfred Schefer.
MELITA EAGLES: McPherson - Vial, Williams, Gonzales, O'Donnell - Mason (Farrugia 75th), Giminez, Genc, Falace - Soper (Parison 60th), Brown. Coach Raul Blanco.

NSL CUP FIRST ROUND

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0
At Olympic Park, Wednesday. Referee J. Fraser.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller - Davidson, Donnelly (Selemides HT), Hannah, Talajic - Milosevic, Adzic, Biskic, Markovski - Kelic, Awaritefe (Horvat 46th). Coach Ivan Reznjevic.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes - Runje, Jackson, Spasevski (Bekiaris 75th), Jolevski (Ristevski 70th) - Temcev, Woodall, J. Markovac, Slifkas - R. Markovac, Momirovski. Coach Lube Jancev.

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NSL LADDER

APIA LEICHHARDT	15	9	4	2	24	12	22
MELB. CROATIA	16	8	4	4	32	19	20
ADELAIDE CITY	15	8	4	3	24	15	20
SOUTH MELBOURNE	16	8	3	5	21	15	19
MARCONI	14	6	6	2	27	14	18
Sydney Olympic	15	7	3	5	22	12	17
Preston Makedonia	16	7	3	6	19	18	17
Sydney Croatia	15	6	2	7	22	24	14
George Cross	16	5	4	7	20	26	14
Melita Eagles	15	4	4	7	11	17	12
St George	14	3	5	6	16	25	11
Wollongong	15	4	3	8	12	24	11
Adelaide Hellas	15	4	2	9	16	29	10
Blacktown	15	2	3	10	16	33	7

NYL RESULTS
Saturday

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 HEIDELBERG UN 0

Sunday

SOUTH MELBOURNE BLUE (Vlaco de la Plaza 2, Michael Parri 2, Peter Kyrkylis) 5 GEELONG CITY 0
NORTH GEELONG (Adrian Cervinski) 1 SOUTH MELB WHITE (Peter Haloules, Andrew Freund) 2
MELB. CITY JUST (Zoran Cazin 3, Robin Stankovski 3) 6, EAST RICHMOND (Chris Dagiaras) 1
PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 ALTONA GATE (Ivo Kutlesvski, Danny Stesnjak) 2
CAULFIELD CITY 0 MELB. CROATIA (Denis Bergam, Joe Caleta 2, Theo Selemidis, Joe Bacak) 5

NSL GOALSCORERS

11. Nastevski,1p,(Marconi)
10. Brown.R (Apia)
8. Adzic,2p,(Mel.Cro)
Brown.G,2p.(Melita)
Seal (Syd.Cro)
Smith (Preston)
6. Caleta (Mel.Cro)
Krslovic (St.George)
Maxwell (Adcity)
Saad (Syd.Olymp)
Trimboli,1p,(S.Melb.)
5. Awaritefe (Mel.Cro)
Blair.R (Ad.Hellas)
Clarkson (Geo.Cross)
Hunter 3p,(Syd.Cro)
Latif (Geo.Cross)
Tsolakis (S.Melb)
Veart (Adcity)
4. Bundalo (Apia)
Gray (Marconi)
Hagan (Syd.Olymp)
Mullen (Adcity)
Perinovic (Syd.Olymp)
Taliadoros (S.Melb)
Vidmar.A (Adcity)
3. Arambasic (B'town)
Batten (W'gong)
Bingley (St.George)
Campelj (Geo.Cross)
De Jong (Marconi)
Faulkner 1p,(Geo.Cross)
Ironside (Syd.Olymp)
Jolevski,1p.(Preston)
Kelic 1p,(Mel.Cro)
Kidd 1p,(Ad Hellas)
Lamond (Syd.Cro)
Maier,3p.(B'town)
Markovski (Mel.Cro)
Zinni (Preston)
2. Arnold (Syd.Cro)
Biskic (Mel.Cro)
Blair.S (S.Melb)
Brazzale (Ad.Hellas)
Clinch (Apia)
Duzel (Mel.Cro)
Foster.P (Geo Cross)
Glavovic (Marconi)
Grbevski (Syd.Cro)
Gunning (B'town)
Harper (St.George)
Hristovski 1p,(W'gong)
Ilic (St.George)
Lowe (Marconi)
McCulloch (Marconi)
Manley (Apia)

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This weekend's Draw

SATURDAY
South Melb. White v Melbourne JUST
SUNDAY
Geelong City v Caulfield City
Heidelberg United v North Geelong
Melb. Croatia v Clifton Hill
Altona Gate v Sth Melb. Blue
East Richmond v Preston Makedonia

● Francis Awaritefe gives Steve Georgakis a mouthful. Has his hat-trick against Blacktown got him back in Josip Biskic's good books?

NYL LADDER

Melbourne Croatia	12	12	1	0	45	12	25
Altona Gate	13	10	1	2	37	10	21
George Cross	14	8	4	2	34	20	20
Sth Melb. White	15	9	2	4	27	15	20
Melb. JUST	15	7	4	4	42	27	18
Preston Makedonia	13	6	1	6	24	20	13
Geelong City	14	6	1	7	24	34	13
North Geelong	13	5	0	8	25	27	10
Heidelberg United	14	3	4	7	14	27	10
East Richmond	14	4	1	9	22	37	9
Caulfield City	13	1	4	8	14	29	6
Sth Melbourne Blue	13	2	1	10	13	30	5
Clifton Hill	10	2	0	8	9	33	4

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Saso Bocvinovski, Melb. City JUST	20
Joe Bacak, Melb. Croatia	15
Adrian Cervinski, Nth Geelong	10
Trajce Latomanoski, Altona Gate	7
Con Boutsianis, Sth Melb. White	7
Kevin Muscat, Susb. George Cross	7
Charles Fitzpatrick, Geelong City	6
Joe Markovac, Preston Makedonia	6
Robin Stankovski, Melb. City JUST	6

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● Sydney Croatia coach Tony Vrzina, happy with his return to Melbourne, applauds another ex-Melburnian, Velimir Kupresak.

SOUTH LOSES AWAY AGAIN

Towering striker Steve Maxwell spear-headed Adelaide City's 3-0 win over South Melbourne at Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide on Sunday.

Maxwell skilfully headed in at the 63rd minute, then followed up with a 50 metre solo run and skilful cross into the back of the net at the 68th minute.

Earlier, Aurelio Vidmar headed in from a cross at the 48th minute.

Adelaide City catapulted into the third on the ladder after its decisive win.

Maxwell is in extraordinary touch. Just two weeks ago completed a hat-trick against Wollongong City and poses a threat to opposition teams.

The first half had everything except a score.

South Melbourne's Socceroo stars Paul Wade and Kim Taliadoros were in devastating touch.

Wade cut through the city defence on several occasions but was thwarted by Robert Zabica, Adelaide City's lanky goalkeeper.

Zabica, who played in-goal for Australia against Moscow Torpedo 10 days ago, played with absolute confidence and flair and seems almost impassable

South Melb. tackled fiercely and its defensive work was tight as Bruce McLaren, the South Melb. goalkeeper marshalled his defence with authority and made some fine saves.

Late in the first half Adelaide City defender Neville Flounders had a golden chance to score.

Flounders followed South Melbourne's Taliadoros up the field, thena ricochet off a teammate bounced up into Flounder's path about 15m out but a massive outing of the ball failed to connect.

It was a game of defences until half time before Adelaide City opened the second half with more confidence and several attacking moves set the scene for things to come.

First Vidmar and then Maxwell on two occasions saw Adelaide City build up an unbelievable lead.

After a skilful and tight first half South Melbourne folded in the face of enormous pressure as Wade, Taliadoros and captain Steve Blair drifted in and out of the game.

Luck finally deserted South Melbourne in the dying moments as Angelo Postecoglou hit the upright from a penalty shot.

Smith scored after 87 minutes, swivelling onto a pass from George Petrov to drive home the first goal.

The second was a gift from goalkeeper George Bouhoutsos who kicked the ball straight at Smith, who gleefully slammed it back past Bouhoutsos into the net.

Wollongong forward Randell Easthorpe missed from only two metres in the 20th minute, Tony Versi shot wide as Preston defender Zoran Tasevski inadvertantly surrendered the ball and Paul McFadden, alone inside the penalty area, blasted the ball over the bar.

In one of its least memorable home ground performances, Preston made foolish mistakes all over the field and almost paid dearly when Kire Temcev kicked the ball straight to Versi who headed into the penalty area.

Luckily for Preston, goal-keeper Phil Woodall in the 43rd minute.

Smith started limping badly in the 74th minute and few fans would have expected him to emerge as the match winner.

In fact, had Preston not already used its two substitutes, Smith probably would have come off.

Wollongong's team featured three changes, with Jock Morlando out injured and Jerry Murphy and Dragan Pupovac both dropped.

Traianedes forced Versi to the bye line and disposed him with a sliding tackle.

Smith came close with a shot that bounced off the cross bar following a shot from mid-fielder Martin

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *STEVE MAXWELL*

STRICKEN STRIKER PRESTON'S SAVIOUR

TWO goals by striker Steve Smith in the last three minutes gave Preston Makedonia a 2-0 victory over Wollongong City in their match at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *STEVE SMITH*

CROATIA CONTINUES ITS UNBEATEN RUN

MELBOURNE Croatia extended its unbeaten run to 13 games when it defeated Caulfield City 5-0 in a match switched to Clifton Hill.

NYL (SOUTHERN DIVISION)
By ROY HAY

Denis Bergam set Croatia on its way and Theo Selemidis added one and Joe Caleta two.

Joe Bacak took his tally for the season to 15 with a penalty goal. Jim Filis of Caulfield once again had a fine match and the only sour note was the sending off of Bacak and keeper Theo Verginis of Caulfield in injury time.

Altona Gate defeated Preston Makedonia 2-0 at Connor Reserve. Ive Kutlesovski and Danny Stresnjak each got their first goals of the season with the decisive one coming in the last couple of minutes as Preston pressed for the equaliser.

South Melbourne White also left it very late, scoring with the last kick of the game to beat a plucky North Geelong 2-1. In the first half, there was no score but Zoran Roso created a couple of openings and Miro Stosic had some typical surging runs.

Peter Nikolakopoulos hit the bar for South and Con Boutsianis was twice one-on-one with the keeper but was robbed both times. North took the lead 20 minutes into the second half when Adrian Cervinski slid in to score after Miro Stosic had beaten two men and crossed into the danger area.

South got the equaliser when Peter Haloulos took on two players and fired a shot just out of stand-in keeper Ivan Medved's reach. The game was now very evenly balanced and visiting coach, Chris Kalafatidis, would have been pleased with a draw, when in its last attack Hellas got the ball into the penalty area and a North defender was forced to handle on the line.

Andrew Freund took the penalty and though Medved got a hand to it he could not keep it out.

Geelong City's inconsistent form continued when it lost 5-0 to Sth Melbourne Blue at Middle Park. Vince de la Plaza won a ball in midfield and ran through the City defence as his colleagues screamed for a pass.

But he went on, rounded the keeper and placed the ball in the empty net. Peter Kyrkylis

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Quit NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

● *Left: "This ball is mine," says Preston's Robert Runje to Wollongong's Toni Versi.*

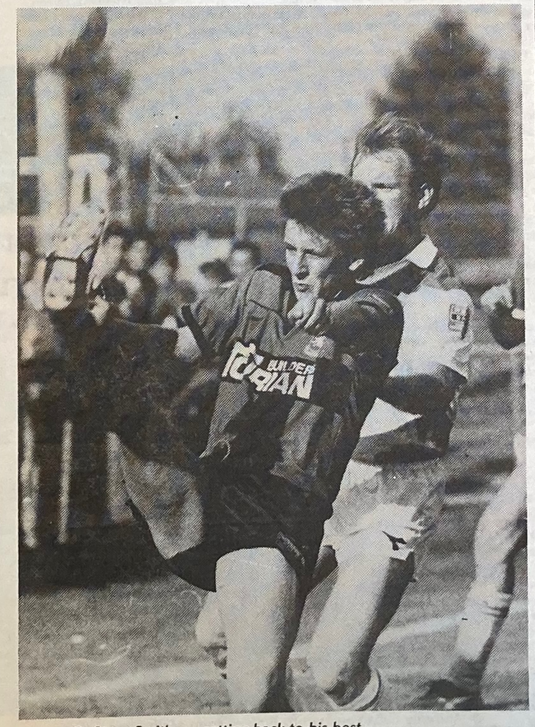
Quit NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

PICTURES BY LES SHORROCK.

● *Left: Wally Savor of Sydney Croatia moves to intercept Georgie's Ernie Tapai*

● *Martin Woodall back successfully after injury.*

● *It pays to keep your eye on the ball says George Petrov to Wollongong's Richard Lloyd.*



● *Steve Smith . . . getting back to his best.*

● *Toni Versi of Wollongong shoots powerfully for goal.*

'I should have stayed for the World Cup'

WITH the start of the State League season only nine days away, BRIAN JAMES has been dragged back from the wilds of Scotland to file this preview of the season.

● Ally Dick from Frankston Pines to Falcons.

● Scott Patterson on Juve's transfer list.

HELLO again and welcome to another State League season.

When I got back from my holidays, the editor greeted me with open arms.

"Am I glad to see you," he said, "I was beginning to think you were going to stay in Scotland and sneak over to Italy with the rest of the kilted horde in June."

But after I had pointed out that I'd never entertained any thoughts of paying out good money to watch Scotland struggling against Costa Rica he then proceeded to fill me in on all the goings-on in my absence and by the time he had finished explaining to me about the machinations tha tled to the formation of the Super division, I was beginning to wish I had booked up for Italy, especially when he told me that in my absence the State league membership had grown from 16 to 24!

But he softened the blow with the news that good old George Yelland is also back from his overseas perambulations and will be helping us again.

That's particularly good news for me, because I can't think of anybody, with the possible exception of Rab Nelson who hears more soccer gossip and knows more soccer people than George.

He's some character, our George, like every true Yorkshireman he loves his cricket and this time overseas he found time to umpire in the Bradford League, as well as watching Egypt play Japan in Cairo, climbing mountains in Peru, taking snaps in La Paz and chatting people up in Lima.

He's contributed a piece in this week's issue (page 13), but believe me, interesting enough as it is, it doesn't cover a tenth of what he did and saw while he was away.

I think I'll have to start calling him Gulliver, because he's been there, seen that, even more tan Jonathan Swift's famous traveller.

But enough of the travelogue, we're here to discuss the prospects of the State League which, I don't have to remind you I'm sure, kicks off a week on Saturday.

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WHEN WILL THEY EVER LEARN?

When I was a lot younger a plaintive ditty entitled "When will they ever learn?" used to be popular.

Everytime I read anything abut Melbourne JUST the tune pops into my mind and I had to have a bit of a giggle when I read last week that the struggling impoverished Blues had thrown a press conference to proudly announce the arrival of yet another Yugoslav coach (non-English speaking), ofcourse — and three unknown young players from the lower reaches of the Yugoslav League.

I say I read about it in the daily paper because "Soccer Star" wasn't invited to the press conference (I wonder why?) and I'm indebted to the popula rpress for informing me that Milan Zezelj (that's the new coach's name) has set his sights on making the top five this season.

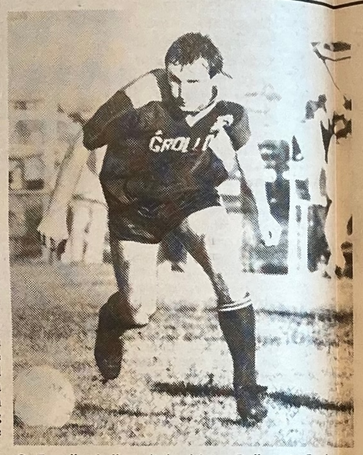
That's useful, considering the play-offs are confined to the top four, isn't it?

Apparently Zezelj contacted JUST ex-coach Drago Sekularac for the good oil on the club and Seki gave him such a glowing account of life in Australia with a struggling ineptly run club that he couldn't wait to get here.

What a pity he didn't have a chat with Mirsad Fazlagic and Ilija Dimoski while he was at it.

English international Peter Barnes would have been able to give him a few pointers too.

According to the press puff, Zezelj will be relying heavily on the three imports.



● Zravdko Lujic switched from Bulleen to Fawkner.

"I've decided to form the skeleton of the team on the three players, the players who are still with the club from the NSL and the best of the youth team" he is quoted as saying.

What players left over from the NSL, might I ask?

As far as I can recall there are only two, Carlos Retre and Sasha Becvinovski. who accumulated the massive total of 24 games and six goals between them in their brief NSL careers.

Becvinovski, of course, is the leading scorer in the National Youth League competition at the moment, but he'll find the Super League defences a much tougher proposition than the ones he's coming up against at the moment.

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McGRELLIS TUG OF WAR

That indefatigable negotiator Bobby McLachlan was in Scotland also but we didn't bump into each other (Glasgow's a big place).

Having lost Ron Manley to APIA and Billy Wright to Adelaide Hellas the State League champion's coach was looking for a striker and thinks he has found one at Meadowbank named Gordon Scott.

Actually, the wee man, who likes to keep his cards close to his chest was somewhat disgruntled that somebody had blabbed the player's name to the media before the player was safely in the Valley.

Bobby usually likes a new player to run out with the Falcons before he tells you who he is.

Bobby's other signings have been Ally Dick and Graham "Winker" Watson from Frankston Pines and a midfielder named Steve Cain who played last year for Alan Vest's team, Italia, in Perth, having arrived there from Liverpool via New Zealand.

But now Morwell Falcons are engaged in a tug-of-war with Croydon City for the services of Juve's Frank McGrellis.

● Darren Tuck transferred from Geelong to Bulleen.

Croydon is anxious to secure McGrellis to fill the vacancy created by the return to the UK of Darren Scott.

Scott played a big part at Croydon last year, with 27 appearances, scoring 10 goals, but he found difficulty in settling here.

However, coach Ian Dobson's biggest problem area might be at the back, which is surprising, considering that Croydon's was the most miserly defence in the League last year, conceding only 17 goals.

Big Dave McIntosh was a tower of strength in that defence, but he has retired to concentrate on his business, Paul Lansbury has given up the sturggle to keep fit and Alan Roodhouse has gone to Sunshine George Cross, which means Dobson will have to build a new back five around himself and Mark Brown.

Mirko Runje doesn't appear to figure in Croydon's plans, and Corrado Nobile, saying he is tired of waiting for a first team place, is trying out at Bulleen.

But Dobson's goalkeeping problems might be solved by the arrival of Englishman Kevin Baker from Hull.

Croydon also has snapped up Norman Dougherty, Thomastown's very much underrated midfielder.

But Croydon's biggest disappointment has come off the field.

Its eagerly awaited move to the new ground at Dorset Gardens has again been held up, this time by an objection lodged by local residents against the council's plans to build dressing room facilities there.

The matter will now go to appeal and might not be settled before the end of the State League season.

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IT'S ALL GO AT BULLEEN

One club that is a hive of activity at the moment is Bulleen, where so many players have appeared they've had to fit revolving doors on the dressing rooms.

The new arrivals include Anthony Grbac, Frank Valentic, Michael Branov and surprisingly Darren Tuck, who has been lured back from Geelong.

The club is also hoping to sign David Vesnaver and his cousin Michael.

In a major surprise, Zravdko Lujic has gone to Fawkner, while promising young goalkeeper Leo Roccioletti looks like ending up at Juventus.

Tall striker Lee O'Keefe went back to the UK at the end of last season and hasn't been heard of since, Dean Milosevic has gone to Queensland and Goran Trogrlic is interested in joining St Albans.

With the departure of Roccioletti, coach Alan Gentry's goalkeeping problem might be solved by the arrival of Robert Terzini from Fawkner and, of course, he always has the reliable evergreen, Alan Contini, to fall back on.

● Frank McGrellis from Juve to Croydon or Falcons.

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● Darren Byrne could join Northcote City from Altona Gate

● Anthony Grbac on loan to Bulleen from Melbourne Croatia.

● David Vesnaver

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'I should have stayed for the Cup'

Brian James Contd. from page 9

JUVENTUS REVOLT FIZZLES OUT

And speaking of Juventus, the much-trumpeted internal revolt became nothing more than a storm in a tea-cup.

Club secretary Rocco di Zio tells me that the much publicised protest meeting due for this week could not take place because it was unconstitutional.

President Joe Mirabelli's position seems safe and coach Roberto Vieri has a three-year contract, which makes him as safe as most coaches.

There was some suggestion, during the VSF's investigation into State League clubs' facilities, that Juve might share the Veneto ground with Bulleen, but the idea didn't appeal to Veneto members and now Juve will share Middle Park with South Melbourne.

Juventus has been busier selling than buying, with Willie Herd going to Heidelberg, Frank McGrellis to either Croydon or Falcons, David Klepac possibly to Croydon, Coady probably to APIA and Scott Patterson training at Sunshine George Cross.

Its sales clearout has left it with a nucleus of only four players with NSL experience, Charlie Egan, Sean Lane, Steve Marley and Vlatko Belic, and those four will be reinforced with the arrival this week of the very experienced winger Zeljko Jurin who scored 18 goals in 60 outings for Sydney Croatia before going to play in Italy.

SPRINGVALE'S NEW LOOK

Springvale City will present an entirely new look when it kicks off at Broadmeadows on Sunday week.

Striker Stan Webster has gone to South Dandenong as player-coach, Keith Adams will probably turn out for Mooroolbark, and Paul Rolleman and Paul Whyte have gone to Dandenong City.

But coach Gus Macleod has not been idle and has recruited well, picking up three experienced players from Sandringham City in John Cullen, Carl Gilder and Steve Kennie.

Alongside Carl Gilder up front he will be able to field Joe Carroll from Northcote City and Andy Higgins, now fully fit again, will team up with Cullen in the heart of defence.

Macleod is also very happy that he has snapped up the well-performed Jim Murray from Green Gully and Doug Chisholm from Dandenong City.

All his 1990 recruits are seasoned players, says Macleod, and if they settle in quickly, Springy could make a bold showing in the State League First Division.

The supporters haven't been overlooked, either. Springvale's excellent facilities at Ross Reserve will be further enhanced when seating is installed under the grandstand.

● *Jeff Faulkner and Aki Kotzamichalis from George Cross to Green Gully for $9000 the pair.*

LEFT:
● *Aki Kotzamichalis*

BELOW:
● *Mate Grgic returns to St Albans from Melbourne Croatia.*

NEW LOOK FOR ALBION TOO

Albion, narrowly pipped by Mooroolbark for the Victorian League First Division championship last season has also had its facilities up-graded at Selwyn Park.

Sunshine Council has installed a new all-weather surface carpark and the Maribyrnong coach says the pitch at Selwyn is now a pleasure to play on.

Coach Ian Wallace has Steve Douglas from Heidelberg, Steve Kadlacik from Western Suburbs and Dave Azzopardi from Nunawading City and hopes to finalise his squad with two more signings before the season kick-off.

All of last year's first-teamers will be available abain, with the exception of John Dowie who has retired to open a coffee-bar.

Also Tyrone James is also expected back from the UK in time for Albion's opening game at Fawkner.

GREEN GULLY REBUILDING

Green Gully has re-appointed Willie Vassallo as coach and is busy rebuilding its team.

Steve McLelland and Andy McMillan have been put on the transfer list, and this week the Greens will welcome Jeff Faulkner and Aki Kotzamichalis from Sunshine George Cross in a deal worth $9,000.

Kotzamichalis will probably pair up at the back with ex-St Albans defender Eddie Kuzman.

With those three combining with Adrian Pender, Vassallo says he has no qualms about his defence, but he is worried about his forward line.

Last season, his three strikers, John Metaxas, Kevin Harrison and Tommy Daly, scored a whopping 40 goals between them.

Metaxas has moved on to Preston Makedonia and Englishman Harrison is still in New Zealand, but is expected any time.

Green Gully will no doubt once again be a final four prospect.

ANEZAKIS, OPASINIS FOR NORTHCOTE?

Roy McLaren is back in charge at Northcote City and tells me that the notorious John Cain surface is having a face-lift, which is good news for his ball-playing side.

"We lost half the team when Martin Woodall went to Preston," says Roy, "but otherwise we haven't had any other defections.

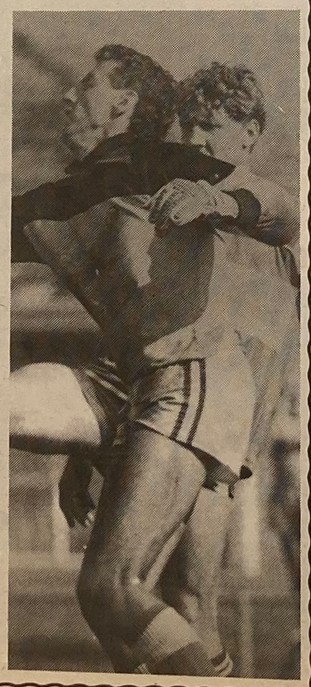
"Arthur Patiniotis says he's going to give the game away and has yet to report for training, but that's par for the course at this time of the year.

"Paul Harris and Peter Cocker have re-signed and we are hopeful that the Tribunal will set a reasonable figure for Darren Byrne's transfer from Altona Gate.

Northcote is also negotiating for South Melbourne defender Manny Anezakis and full-back Con Opasinis of Melbourne Croatia.

"We've got heaps of midfielders," says McLaren, "but forwards are in short supply".

But that situation might be rectified soon with the arrival from England of Gary Mills, a striker who has had experience with Rochdale.



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ROUND 1 Sunday
April 1: Collingwood v Balwyn, Diggers Rest v Wav. Wanderers, Hawth. Utd v Philip Inst. Keilor v Old Scotch, Latrobe Uni v Oakl. Utd, North. Utd v Broadmeadows Utd.

ROUND 2 Sunday
April 8: Oakleigh Utd v Northern Utd, Old Scotch v Latrobe Uni, Philip Inst v Keilor, Wav. Wanderers v Hawthorn Utd, Broadm. Utd, v Collingwood, Balwyn v Diggers Rest.

ROUND 3 Sunday
April 22: Diggers Rest v Collingwood, Hawthorn U v Balwyn, Keilor v Wav. Wanderers, Latrobe Uni v Philip Inst, Northern Utd v Old Scotch, Oakleigh Utd v Broadmeadows Utd.

ROUND 4 Sunday
April 29: Old Scotch v Oakleigh Utd, Philip Inst v Northern Utd, Wav. Wanderers v Latrobe Uni, Broadm. U v Diggers Rest, Balwyn v Keilor, Collingwood v Hawthorn U.

ROUND 5 Sunday
May 6: Hawthorn Utd v Diggers Rest, Keilor v Collingwood, Latrobe Uni v Balwyn, Northern Utd v Wav. Wanderers, Oakleigh Utd v Philip Inst, Old Scotch v Broadmeadows Utd.

ROUND 6 Sunday
May 13: Philip Inst v Old Scotch, Waverley Wanderers v Oakleigh Utd, Broadmeadows Utd v Hawthorn Utd, Balwyn v Northern Utd, Collingwood v Latrobe Uni, Diggers Rest v Keilor.

ROUND 7 Sunday
May 20: Keilor v Hawthorn Utd, Latrobe Uni v Diggers Rest, Northern Utd v Collingwood, oakleigh Utd v Balwyn, Old Scotch v Wav. Wanderers, Philip oadm. Utd.

ROUND 8 Sunday
May 27: Wav Wanderers v Philip Inst, Broadm v Keilor, Balwyn v Old Scotch, Collingwood v Oakl Utd, Diggers Rest v Northern Utd, Hawthorn Utd v Latrobe Uni.

ROUND 9 Sunday
June 3: Latrobe Uni v Keilor, Northern Utd v Hawthorn Utd, Oakleigh Utd v Diggers Rest, Old Scotch v Collingwood, Philip Inst. v Balwyn, Wav. Wanderers v Broadmeadows Utd.

ROUND 10 Sunday
June 10: Broadm Utd v Latrobe Uni, Balwyn v Wav. Wanderers, Diggers Rest v Old Scotch, Hawthorn Utd v Oakleigh Utd, Keilor v Northern Utd, Collingwood v Philip Inst.

ROUND 11 Sunday
June 17: Northern Utd v Latrobe Uni, Oakleigh Utd v Keilor, Old Scotch v Hawthorn Utd, Philip Inst. v Diggers Rest, Wav. Wanderers v Collingwood, Broadm. Utd v Balwyn.

ROUND 12 Sunday
June 24: Balwyn v Collingwood, Wav Wanderers v Diggers Rest, Philip Inst v Hawthorn Utd, Old Scotch v Keilor, Oakleigh Utd v Latrobe Uni, Broadmeadows Utd v Northern Utd.

ROUND 18 Sunday
July 1: Northern Utd v Oakleigh Utd, Latrobe Uni v Old Scotch, Keilor v Philip Inst, Hawthorn Utd v Wav Wanderers, Collingwood v Broadmeadows Utd, Diggers Rest v Balwyn.

ROUND 14 Sunday
July 8: Collingwood v Diggers Rest, Balwyn v Hawthorn Utd, Wav Wanderers v Keilor, Philip Inst v Latrobe Uni, Old Scotch v Northern Utd, Broadmeadows Utd, v Oakleigh Utd.

ROUND 15 Sunday
July 15: Oakleigh Utd v Old Scotch Northern Utd v Philip Inst, Latrobe Uni v Wav Wanderers, Diggers Rest v Broadmeadows Utd, Keilor v Balwyn, Hawthorn Utd v Collingwood.

ROUND 16 Sunday
July 22: Diggers Rest v Hawthorn Utd, Collingwood v Keilor, balwyn v Latrobe Uni, Wav Wand. v Northern Utd, Philip Inst v Oakleigh Utd, Broadm. Utd v Old Scotch.

ROUND 17 Sunday
July 29: Old Scotch v Philip Inst, Oakleigh Utd v Wav Wanderers, Hawthorn Utd v Broadmeadows Utd, NOrthern Utd v Balwyn, Latrobe Uni v Collingwood, Keilor v Diggers Rest.

ROUND 18 Sunday
August 5: Hawthorn Utd v Keilor, Diggers Rest v Latrobe Uni, Collingwood v Northern Utd, Balwyn v Oakleigh Utd, Wav. Wanderers v Old Scotch, Broadmeadows Utd v Philip Inst.

ROUND 19 Sunday
August 12: Philip Inst. v Wav. Wanderers, Keilor v Broadmeadows Utd, Old Scotch v Balwyn, Oakleigh Utd v Collingwood, Northern Utd, v Diggers Rest, Latrobe Uni v Hawthorn Utd.

ROUND 20 Sunday
August 19: Keilor v Latrobe Uni, Hawthorn Utd v Northern Utd, Diggers Rest v Oakleigh Utd, Collingwood v Old Scotch, Balwyn v Philip Inst, Broadm. Utd v Wav. Wanderers.

ROUND 21 Sunday
Sept. 2: Latrobe Uni v Broadmeadows Utd, Wav. Wanderers v Balwyn, Old Scotch v Diggers Rest, oakleigh Utd v Hawthorn Utd, Northern Utd v Keilor, Philip Inst v Collingwood.

ROUND 22 Sunday
Sept. 9: Latrobe Uni v Northern Utd, Keilor v Oakleigh Utd, Hawthorn Utd v Old Scotch, Diggers Rest v Philip Inst, Collingwood v Wav Wanderers, Balwyn v Broadmeadows Utd.

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DIVISION TWO

ROUND 1 Sunday
April 1: Concorde v Camber Gram, Cretan v Melb Uni, Diamond V v RMIT, Endeavour Hills v Maccabi, Furlan v Inter City, Lemnos v Upfield.

ROUND 2 Sunday
April 8: Inter City v Lemnos, Maccabi v Furlan, RMIT v End Hills, Melb Uni v Diamond Valley, Upfield v Concorde, Camber. Gram v Cretan.

ROUND 3 Sunday
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ROUND 5 Sunday
May 6: Diamond Valley v Cretan, End Hills v Concorde, Furlan v Cambe rGram, Lemnos v Melb. Uni, Inter City v RMIT, Maccabi v Upfield.

ROUND 6 Sunday
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ROUND 7 Sunday
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ROUND 8 Sunday
May 27: Melb Uni v RMIT, Upfield v End Hills, Camber Gram v Maccabi, Concorde v Inter City, Cretan v Lemnos, Diamond Valley v Furlan.

ROUND 9 Sunday
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CROATIA CONTINUES ITS UNBEATEN RUN

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robbed a defender to score the second and de la Plaza was given freedom on the left to slot home the third on the stroke of half-time.

City had the wind behind it in the second half and Robbie Noggler, Tony Bozinovski and Michael Spasevski all tested substitute keeper Angelo Karageorgiou but Hellas got away on the break and Michael Perri converted a cross from the right as the City defence stood ball-watching. The same player rounded off another Hellas move to complete City's misery.

Despite the absence of the suspended Saso Becvinovski, the league's leading scorer, Melbourne City JUST ran up six goals to one against East Richmond at Holland Park.

Zoran Cazin, newly arrived from Yugoslavia, scored a hat-trick between the 32nd and 38th minutes, and was substituted at half time. Robin Stankovski's three goals were more evenly spread over the game, while Chris Daglaras got East Richmond's consolation goal in the 84th minute.

On Saturday, Sunshine George Cross and Heidelberg United played a scoreless draw at Sunshine Football Club. There were plenty of near misses, none closer than Louie Stefanovski's shot after a free kick which was touched over by Steve Koskos of Heidelberg and George Svigos's header which was stopped on the line by George Ktistakis.

At the other end, Con Sindrivanis crossed and George Nitsou hit the bar with a header and both sides were still looking for a winner when the whistle blew.

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NSL GOALSCORERS

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Markovac (Preston)
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Murray (Apia)
Ricoy (Syd Cro)
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Woodall (Preston)
Wright (Ad Hellas)

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Ellem (Apia)
Ferguson (B'town)
Georgakis (Syd.Olymp)
Genc (Melita)
Gomez (Marconi)
Gonzalez (Melita)
Hannah (Mel.Cro)
Hasler (Geo.Cross)
Hiern (Ad.Hellas)
Jee (B'town)
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Murphy (B'town)
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O'Neill (W'gong)
Opasinis (Mel.Cro)
Phillips 1p, (Syd.Olymp)
Palatsides 1p, (S.Melb)
Platiniotis (Syd.Olymp)
Rankin (Ad Hellas)
Shillabeer (Ad.City)
Slager (Ad.Hellas)
Soper (Melita)
Stewart (Apia)
Tsolakis (S.Melb.)
Vatsilas (Ad.Hellas)
Villani (Ad.City)
Wade (S.Melb.)

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GEELONG ADVERTISER CUP

HOST club Geelong qualified for the semi-finals of the tenth Geelong Advertiser Cup with a 100 per cent record and will play Corio-Geelong United tomorrow night (Friday), while Bell Park played North Geelong last night in the other semi-final.

Liam McCloskey of Geelong broke the record for the number of goals scored in a single Advertiser Cup Series when he scored the only one of the game against Bell Park. This was his seventh of the current campaign.

Park had opened up as if it would run all over Geelong, whose backline took a long time to settle. Mark Linney hit the post with a fierce header and George Walters lobbed keeper Sean Howe, but the ball cleared the bar.

At the other end, McCloskey hit the inside of the post with a shot, and a Mel Jones cross eluded diving defenders and attackers. Eight minutes into the second half, Craig Plummer fired a cross-shot towards goal and McCloskey deflected it powerfully into the opposite corner of the net. In Bell Park's final attack, Mick Oppermann headed down a cross by John Coutts, but Sam McNeilage's shot went over the top.

Provisional league side Brintons needed a win against Corio-Geelong United to qualify and started full of running with Ashley McIntyre out-stripping the defence after four minutes to score.

Corio-Geelong United got on terms when Robbie Noggler's header was pushed into the bar by Brintons' keeper Adam Oates, only for player-coach Brendan Lakic to return the rebound into the net.

Tony Reed then forced a defender to handle in the Corio-Geelong United penalty are and Ian Henderson scored from the spot.

Brinton's lead lasted until six minutes into the second half when Robert Pergoletti found Noggler unattended in the box for a headed goal. Corio-Geelong United sought a penalty when Brendan Lakic was brought down, but Paul Mills almost got on the end of a Henderson free-kick for Brintons.

The Western Victoria Soccer Association beat Hamlyn Rangers 3-1 to

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● *Mark Linney's flying header causes atonishment to Warren Stanaway and Eric Fleming of Geelong and teammate Danny Ortiz (right) in the Geelong Advertiser Cup.*

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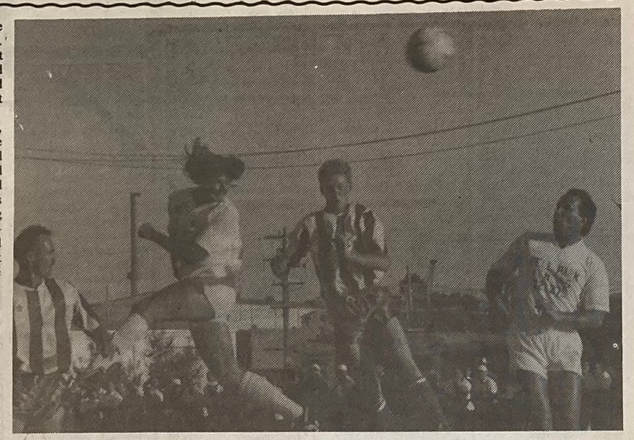

● *Everybody up. Patrick Alilovic of North Geelong (7) and Tony Reed (10) of Brintons watch Paul Mills and David Brough of Brintons and David Cervinski, Eddie Radojevic, Ivan Smoljko and keeper, Ismail Ali of North Geelong in an aerial battle in the Geelong Advertiser Cup.* *Photo Roy Hay*

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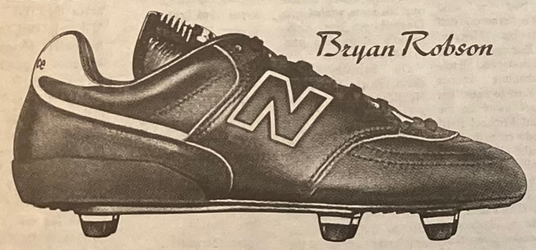

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THE ONLY WORLD GAME

ON a recent round-the-world trip, it was evident in each country I visited that soccer is truly the only world game.

I visited the National Stadium in Bangkok and saw games played in the Queen's Cup competition.

In Bombay, Istanbul, Cairo and all European countries, organised soccer was very much in evidence.

In addition, boys of all ages were playing their own brand of the game, in streets, on vacant lots, or anywhere they could find enough space to make a pitch.

Goalposts of regulation size and goalposts made from twisted saplings or any pieces of wood or other materials they could find.

I saw soccer played in Waikiki under the shadow of Diamond Head.

I saw it played in the Andes, Peru, at an elevation of more than 13,000 ft.

I visited a beautiful stadium in the centre of Cuzco, ancient capitalof the Incas, at 11,000 ft above sea level.

I saw Peruvian Indians playing the game with makeshift equipment, in a clearing in the Amazon jungle, not far from the mighty river.

I also visited one or two grounds in the Argentine where the game is a consuming passion.

In all of these places a love of the game motivates millions, just as it motivates a section of the Australian community.

One thing stood out.

In countries which are most successful in their promotion and performance, such as Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom and some South American countries, etc., organisation is positive, control is firm and consistent and the world's best coaches and managers keep the standard of the game high.

Here in Australia we have many keen, well-meaning, soccer lovers who, unfortunately, lack those qualities which bring countries to the top level.

We have factions fighting against one another, struggling for power which few are fitted to carry.

We shall never attain the heights until all soccer people in this country develop a singleness of purpose and we seek world wide, for the best soccer administrators we can get to organise our game here, and bring in the best coaches available to lift the standard of the game.

We must pay far more attention to the production of local talent such as Alan Davidson, Paul Trimboli, etc.

A few others are making the grade, but will they stay in Australia?

Until there is enough money in the game to keep players like Eddie Krncevic in Australia, we shall continue to lose home grown talent.

Make no mistake, beating a Russian club side in a friendly game doesn't make us a world power in soccer.

Much of our set up is very amateurish.

We have a long way to go, but incorporating positive, unselfish determination with top organising and coaching talent from overseas, will be a giant step towards the goal we all want for Australia.

— ***GEORGE YELLAND***

● *Professionalism shows in the standard facilities at overseas grounds. this is the ground of the Universidad de la Plata in Argentina.*

ASF development fee goes ahead

THE Australian Soccer Federation has decided to go ahead with its controversial Development Fee with immediate effect. The money raised is to be used exclusively to help cover the costs of international competition, especially for the Socceroos.

Our submission that there should be a differential between the levy made on amateur players and on those getting money out of the game, has been ignored (that is, if the ASF ever heard of it) with the result that all senior players will be levied $5. We have no option but to collect it.

When players are registered, each club will be charged an extra $5 for each registration. The League will then pay the ASF.

We will, through our clubs and players, be contributing about $10,000 each year for the support of the national team. That's not a bad effort!

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SNIPPETS

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The photograph on this page was taken at a very famous game, when England met the Rest of the World at Wembley to mark the Centenary of the Football Association.

The date was October 23 1963 and the match was watched by a crowd of 100,000.

In the picture, Alfredo di Stefano, of Real Madrid who captained the Rest is introducing the official party to his team.

The Duke of Edinburgh is shaking hands with Denis Law and on Law's right are Real's Francisco Gento, Eusebio of Portugal, and Djalma Santos of Brazil.

Behind the Duke of Edinburgh is the late Sir Stanley Rous and the Duke of Gloucester, and between the Duke and Sir Stanley is a face now familiar to South Melbourne supporters, a much slimmer, but unmistakeable Ferenc Puskas.

The teaser is this . . . can anyone name the line-ups of the two teams? I've searched all through my library but for some reason the game seems to have been ignored altogether, which is a pity, because the game featured one of the greatest concentrations of talent ever seen at one time.

If someone could provide the necessary information I would be eternally grateful.

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CAN YOU NAME THIS TEAM?

● *The Duke of Edinburgh meets Denis Law.*

GEELONG ADVERTISER CUP

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continue Rangers' depressing results. The dark blues have not won a Geelong Advertiser Cup match since they picked up the trophy in 1987.

Attila Harangozo was far too fast for the Rangers' defence, scoring one goal, being brought down for a penalty, which Peter Repcak converted and missing a couple of chances when he left his markets in his wake.

Rangers' best spell was just after half-time when one shot was cleared off the line by Peter Duque and his defence, but then they contrived to miss a bouncing ball and Jimmy Fraser accepted the gift. Peter Repcak got his second and the WVSA's deciding goal, when Mark Omneno found him in the clear.

North Geelong buried East Geelong under an avalanche of goals in the biggest winning margin wince West Geelong lost 8-0 to bell Park in the first Advertiser Cup in 1981. North won 7-1. The rout started in the first minute when North carved through and Ivan Skoko was left on his own to score.

John Hrkac headed in a Zoran Roso cross two minutes later and David Cervinski came up from the back to thread his way through a static defence for the third and best goal.

David Krasic split the defence to release Miro Stosic for the fourth and Patrick Alilovic scored from the spot after new signing Tony Dimovski from Altona Gate was adjudged to have handled inside the box.

Zoran Roso and full back Robbie Cosic combined with Miro Stosic tro make it six, 12 minutes into the second half, but after David Cervinski had landed on top of Dragi Mitrevski, George Dimovski of REast got a consolation goal from from the spot. East ha dnot learned its lesson and Ivan Skoko was given freedom to curl his shot around Cane Filipowski for North's seventh goal in the last minute.

LEAGUE LADDERS

GROUP A

N. G'long	3	2	1	0	10	3 5
Corio-G/U	3	1	2	0	4	3 4
Brintons	3	0	2	1	4	5 2
E. G'long	3	0	1	2	2	9 1

GROUP B

Geelong	3	3	0	0	10	2 6
Bell P	3	2	0	1	2	1 4
WVSA	3	1	0	2.	3	8 0
Hamlyn R	3	0	0	3	3	7 0

THIS FRIDAY: Semi Final 6 pm Geelong v Corio-Geelong United.

— ROY HAY

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PRESTON LEAVES IT LATE

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salt into the wound, the usually infallible Angie Postecoglou hit the post with a penalty with City's goalkeeper Robert Zabica well beaten.

Sunshine George Cross, after taking a 14th-minute lead through Jeff Faulkner, playing in his last match before transferring to Green Gully, lapsed in its now all too familiar manner and allowed Sydney Croatia to equalise through Pedro Ricoy before half-time and go on to win with a Manis Lamond goal 15 minutes from the end.

It was a happy return to Melbourne for Croatia coach Tony Vrzina who has now picked up seven points out of a possible eight since he moved to Sydney to take over the coaching job.

The win allowed Sydney Croatia to leap-frog over Cross, which now must be feeling anxious about its NSL survival . . . again.

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National League

Goalscorers Club by Club

ADELAIDE CITY

Maxwell	6
Veart	5
Mullen	4
Vidmar.A	4
Vidmar.T	2
Melta	1
Shillabeer	1
Villani	1
Total	24

ADELAIDE HELLAS

Blair	5
Kidd	3
Brazzale	2
Wright	2
Hiern	1
Rankin	1
Slager	1
Vatsilas	1
Total	16

APIA LEICHHARDT

Brown.R	10
Bundalo	4
Murray	2
Manley	2
Clinch	2
Ellem	1
Stewart	1
o.g	2
Total	24

BLACKTOWN

Arambasic	3
Maier 3p,	3
Gunning	2
Carter	1
Ferguson	1
Jee	1
Longo	1
Murphy	1
o.g	3
Total	16

GEORGE CROSS

Latif	5
Clarkson	5
Campelj	3
Faulkner	3
Foster	2
Hasler	1
Lewis	1
Total	20

MARCONI

Nastevski 1p,	11
Gray	4
De Jong	3
Glavovic	2
Lowe	2
McCulloch	2
Colagiuri	1
Gomez	1
Katholos	1
Total	27

MELBOURNE CROATIA

Adzic 2p,	8
Caleta	6
Awaritefe	5
Kelic 1p,	3
Markovski	3
Biskic	2
Duzel	2
Hannah	1
Milosevic	1
Opasinis	1
Total	32

MELITA EAGLES

Brown G 2p,	8
Genc	1
Gonzalez	1
Sopar	1
Total	11

PRESTON MAKEDONIA

Smith	8
Jolevski	3
Zinni	3
Markovac	2
Woodall	2
Momirovski	1
Total	19

ST.GEORGE

Krslovic	6
Bingley	3
Harper	2
Moffitt	2
Ilic	2
o.g	1
Total	16

SYDNEY CROATIA

Seal	8
Hunter 3p,	5
Lamond	3
Arnold	2
Grbevski	2
Ricoy	2
Total	22

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Saad	6
Hagan	4
Perinovic	4
Ironside	3
Georgakis	1
Koch	1
Ollerenshaw	1
Phillips 1p,	1
Platiniotis	1
Total	22

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Trimboli	6
Tsolakis	5
Taliadoros	4
Blair	2
Mori	1
Palatsides 1p,	1
Wade	1
o.g	1
Total	21

WOLLONGONG

Batten	3
Hristovski 1p,	2
Brodnik	1
Crainic	1
Easthorpe	1
McFadden	1
Morlando	1
O'Neill	1
o.g	1
Total	12

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE NEWS

UNDER AGE COMPETITION

SEVERAL clubs which for one reason or another, are unable to field teams in the Junior League have asked whether they can enter a junior team (say, Under 16 or Under 17). If sufficient clubs are interested, we will run an experimental Division during the 1990 Winter season. An application form is enclosed with this issue of League News. Entries must be received no later than March 13th.

The League has no intention at this stage, of setting up a full-blown Junior competition. The Junior League exists to provide this facility. But we are prepared to provide a bridging service if the interest is there.

Incidentally, we would appreciate it if League clubs which are sponsoring junior teams under the JLMC umbrella would consult the office BEFORE seeking to transfer juniors (or ex-juniors) to their senior teams.

At least one club was caught for $60 a head last season — which is contrary to an agreement we thought we had with the VSF.

NEW CLUB INFORMATION NIGHT

THE secretaries of all new clubs (and bewildered secretaries of old clubs) are invited to the League office at 8 pm on Tuesday, February 20th.

We will run through all the things that must be done throughout the season and how to do them.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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England

Britain. English League — Division one: Aston Villa 1 Sheffield Wednseday 0, Chelsea 1 Tottenham 2, Crystal Palace 3 Southampton 1, Derby 2 Queen's Park Rangers 0, Everton 2 Charlton 1, Manchester City 1 Wimbledon 1, Millwall 1 Manchester United 2, Norwich 0 Liverpool 0. Postponed: Arsenal v Nottingham Forest, Luton v Coventry.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	26	14	8	4	50	26	50
Aston Villa	24	15	4	5	41	21	49
Arsenal	23	13	3	7	38	24	42
Notts Forest	24	11	6	7	37	24	39
Tottenham	25	11	6	8	38	31	39
Everton	25	11	5	9	34	31	38
Derby	24	10	5	9	31	21	35
Southampton	24	9	8	7	46	41	35
Chelsea	25	9	8	8	40	38	35
Norwich	25	9	8	8	28	27	35
Coventry	24	10	4	10	21	31	34
Wimbledon	24	7	11	6	27	26	32
QPR	24	7	9	8	26	28	30
Crystal Pal	25	8	5	12	30	50	29
Manchester Utd	25	7	7	11	30	35	28
Man City	25	7	7	11	27	38	28
Sheffield Wed	26	6	8	12	21	36	26
Millwall	25	5	9	11	31	42	24
Luton	23	4	10	9	23	33	22
Charlton	24	3	7	14	19	36	16

Division two: Bournemouth 2 Middlesbrough 2, Barnsley 0 Swindon 1, Leeds 4 Hull 3, Leicester 1 Bradford 1, Oldham 2 Stoke 0, Oxford 0 West Bromwich 1, Port Vale 1 Watford 0, Portsmouth 1 Newcastle 1, Sheffield United 1 1, Port Vale 1 Watford 0, Portsmouth 1 Newcastle 1, Sheffield United 1 Plymouth 0, Sunderland 0 Blackburn 1, West Ham 3 Brighton 1, Wolverhampton 2 Ipswich 1.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds	29	17	7	5	52	32	58
Sheffield Utd	29	15	10	4	44	30	55
Swindon	29	14	7	8	53	40	49
Oldham	29	12	11	6	42	34	47
Wolverhampton	29	12	9	8	41	34	45
Sunderland	29	11	11	7	46	43	44
Newcastle	28	11	10	7	49	38	43
Blackburn	29	10	13	6	40	34	41
Port Vale	29	10	11	8	39	34	41
Ipswich	27	11	8	8	39	35	38
West Ham	28	10	8	10	41	48	38
Bournemouth	29	10	8	11	46	48	38
Oxford	28	10	7	11	38	46	35
Leicester	29	9	8	12	39	46	35
West Bromwich	29	8	10	11	47	48	34
Watford	28	9	7	12	35	36	34
Middlesbrough	29	9	7	13	36	42	34
Portsmouth	29	7	11	11	38	44	32
Plymouth	28	8	7	13	38	42	31
Hull	28	6	12	10	34	43	30
Bradford	29	6	12	11	31	41	30
Brighton	28	8	5	15	34	43	29
Barnsley	29	7	8	14	29	51	29
Stoke	29	4	11	14	23	47	23

Division three: Bolton 0 Rotherham 2, Brentford 2 Huddersfield 1, Bristol City 1 Cardiff 0, Crewe 2 Blackpool 0, Mansfield 1 Bury 0, Notts County 0 Chester 0, Preston 0 Bristol Rovers 1, Shrewsbury v Northampton postponed, Swansea 4 Fulham 2, Walsall 1 Reading 1, Wigan 0 Leyton Orient 2, Tranmere 5 Birmingham 1.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol City	27	16	5	6	35	20	53
Notts County	27	14	8	5	39	26	50
Bristol Rovers	26	12	10	4	34	20	46
Huddersfld	26	12	9	5	37	20	45
Rotherham	28	12	8	8	51	33	44
Bolton	26	11	10	5	39	28	43
Tranmere	27	12	6	9	48	30	42
Bury	26	11	7	10	41	35	40
Brentford	27	11	3	13	41	43	36
Shrewsbury	26	9	8	9	36	34	35
Birmingham	26	10	5	11	30	34	35
Chester	28	8	10	11	28	37	34
Swansea	26	9	6	11	26	38	33
Leyton Orient	27	9	5	13	34	40	32
Crewe	26	7	10	9	30	31	31
Northampton	23	8	7	8	30	31	31
Fulham	27	7	10	10	32	36	31
Wigan	26	7	10	9	27	33	31
Reading	24	6	11	7	27	31	29
Preston	28	8	5	14	37	48	29
Mansfield	28	8	4	14	26	38	28
Cardiff	26	6	9	10	30	38	27
Blackpool	28	6	9	12	24	33	26
Walsall	25	5	8	12	21	36	23

Division four: Aldershot 0 Chesterfield 0, Burnley 1 Gillingham 2, Cambridge 3 Stoke 0, Carlisle 1 Halifax 1, Colchester 1 Rochdale 2, Doncaster 1 Scarborough 1, Hartlepool 5 Stockport 0, Maldstone 2 Grimsby 2, Scunthorpe 0 Peterborough 0, Wrexham 0 Hereford 0, York 0 Lincoln 0. Postponed: Torquay v Southend.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carlisle	27	14	7	6	40	28	49
Exeter	25	15	2	8	46	30	47
Southend	28	14	5	9	40	30	47
York	28	12	9	7	33	28	45
Stockport	29	13	6	10	43	40	45
Chesterfield	26	12	7	7	36	27	43
Maldstone	27	13	4	10	42	36	43
Gillingham	26	12	8	8	33	27	42
Lincoln	27	11	8	8	36	27	41
Grimsby	28	10	10	8	39	32	40
Cambridge	28	11	6	9	43	40	39
Peterborough	28	8	14	6	34	30	38
Burnley	25	10	7	8	26	24	37
Rochdale	27	11	4	12	28	27	37
Scunthorpe	27	9	9	9	30	36	36
Aldershot	27	9	9	9	34	37	36
Torquay	28	9	7	12	32	37	34
Doncaster	28	9	6	13	33	34	33
Scarborough	28	8	8	12	35	46	32
Halifax	28	7	9	12	36	38	30
Hereford	25	7	8	10	30	35	29
Hartlepool	28	7	7	14	39	53	28
Colchester	27	4	9	15	28	49	21
Wrexham	27	4	8	15	25	40	20

Scotland

Scottish League — Premier division: Celtic 1 Hibernian 1, Dundee United 1 Aberdeen 1, Hearts 0 Dunfermline 2, Motherwell 1 Rangers 1, St Mirren 0 Dundee 0.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	26	16	6	4	37	14	38
Aberdeen	26	13	7	7	40	24	31
Hearts	26	12	6	8	45	31	30
Celtic	26	9	8	9	29	23	27
Motherwell	26	9	10	8	34	34	26
Dundee Utd	26	7	11	8	29	31	25
Dunfermline	26	9	6	11	28	36	24
Hibernian	26	7	8	11	23	32	22
St Mirren	26	6	6	12	22	40	22
Dundee	26	3	9	14	20	32	15

Division one: Airdrieonians 6 Ayr 0, Alloa 1 Clyde 0, Clydebank 3 Forfar 2, Falkirk 1 St Johnstone 0, Meadowbank 1 Hamilton 1, Partick 0 Moreton 1, Raith 3 Albion 2.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrieonians	28	18	6	4	56	25	42
St Johnstone	28	17	6	5	45	29	40
Falkirk	28	11	9	8	46	37	31
Hamilton	27	11	9	7	38	34	31
Clydebank	28	11	8	9	57	48	30
Partick	27	9	11	7	47	35	29
Meadowbank	28	9	9	10	31	33	27
Morton	28	8	11	9	27	33	27
Ayr	28	9	9	10	33	47	27
Raith	27	10	6	11	38	42	26
Clyde	27	6	9	12	24	38	21
Albion	28	5	9	14	32	54	19
Alloa	27	5	8	14	31	46	18
Forfar	27	4	10	13	31	49	16

Note: Forfar deducted two points for fielding ineligible player.

Division two: Berwick 1 Stenhousemuir 0, Brechin 1 Cowdenbeath 3, East Fife 3 Queen's Park 2, East Stirling 1 Arbroath 0, Kilmarnock v Stirling postponed, Queen of South 1 Dumbarton 1, Stranraer 2 Montrose 0.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brechin	27	15	5	7	42	30	35
Stirling	26	13	5	8	47	33	31
Stenhousemuir	27	13	5	9	40	34	31
Dumbarton	24	9	9	6	48	48	27
Arbroath	27	11	5	11	34	38	27
East Fife	26	8	10	8	42	41	26
Queen o'Sguth	26	9	8	9	46	47	26
Kilmarnock	24	11	3	10	32	23	25
Berwick	27	10	4	13	44	42	24
Cowdenbeath	27	7	10	10	35	38	24
Stranraer	26	9	6	11	38	44	24
Queen's Park	27	8	7	12	28	35	23
Montrose	26	7	8	11	36	41	23
East Stirling	24	7	5	12	22	39	19

Northern Irish league: Bangor 3 Crusaders 0, Distillery 2 Larne 2, Glenavon 2 Glentoran 1, Linfield 1 Cliftonville 4, Newry 2 Carrick 0, Portadown 0 Coleraine 0.

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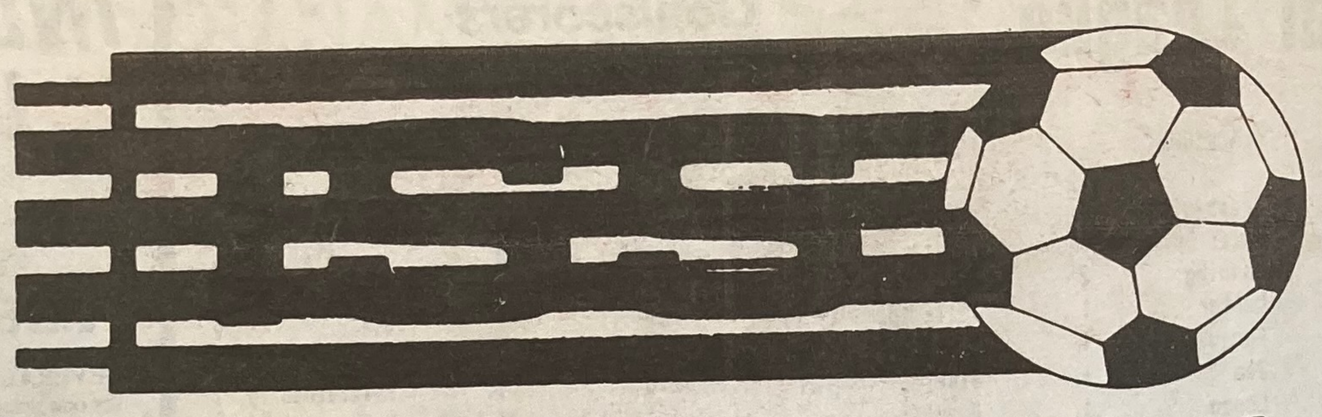

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